

# Shareholder meeting takes a new twist

Unlike past community informational meetings, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Governor and Lt. Governor's shareholder meetings offer financial information, definitive future plans for the tribes and provide answers to many questions.

On Feb. 11, 2014, the first of four scheduled shareholder meetings was held at the Watonga Multi-Purpose building in Watonga, Okla.

"First off thank you everyone for being here and welcome. Cornell and Eddie have had a campaign season with a lot of battles, good and bad and

we do appreciate everyone's support, votes and prayers," Christopher Roman Nose, Cheyenne and Arapaho, chief administrative officer said. "We used the term shareholder not to be so literal, but to mean that each tribal member has an investment into our tribe, a voice, a say of where and how our money is being spent. We will go over tonight of how much money we have now and how we will spend our money."

Lucky Star Casino's, general manager, Chris Derenzo, revealed the financial distribution from the past five years from the tribe's four casinos, Concho, Clinton, Watonga and Canton. (See graph, pg. 7.)

"I am here to share with you all the financial records that we discovered and where we are headed over the

next four years at the Lucky Star Casinos," Derenzo said. "Back in 2009 we distributed just over \$30 million from Concho and Clinton to the tribes and over the years that number has declined. As we have been seeing a decline in our revenue the rest of the state has been seeing a double-digit growth in their casinos. We are also seeing this decline of revenue after we incurred an increase of cost of our machines by 65 percent. I know a lot of it, that you see here on this chart, seems negative, but we have identified the expenses that have taken place over the past four years."

Derenzo went on to share details of the Canton and Watonga casinos' revenue for 2013 and the expenses that were identified and eliminated.

"The revenue for Canton and Watonga was over \$6.5 million and a little over \$3.5 million was distributed to the tribes from the two casinos and at the end of the 2013 year was a balance of \$657,794., between the two casinos. We found that there was a little over \$2.3 million that was not distributed to the tribes and should have

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales



Photos by Rebecka Lyman  
Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Governor, Eddie Hamilton, addresses tribal members as he opens the first Shareholder meeting in Watonga, Okla.

been distributed through the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (GRAP),"

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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey greets tribal member, Millie Youngbear at the first Shareholder meeting held Feb. 11, 2014 in Watonga, Okla.

## Keeto sentenced to life in prison in Kaulay death

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

After three days of testimony, jurors return with their verdict ... guilty of first degree murder with malice aforethought, first degree burglary and second degree burglary for 23-year-old accused, Samuel Keeto, sentencing him to life in prison.

Keeto was on trial for the Dec. 27, 2012 shooting death of Jessica Kaulay, 35, that occurred at 1802 Hunt Drive in Clinton, Okla. Kaulay was shot with a 9 millimeter Glock pistol, to the back of her head, that prosecutors called, "execution style."

The medical examiner determined that Kaulay had also been stabbed in the chest.

Keeto's defense attorney, John Jensen of Oklahoma City, attempted to defer responsibility for Kaulay's death by making insinuations that the Indian Brotherhood were responsible, and also implicating Shawn Spottedwolf, who was shot in the foot the same night of Kaulay's death, and Zakkary RomanNose.

Prosecutors called over 40 witnesses for the state. Spottedwolf, who was considered a "hostile witness" for the prosecution, testified that he, Keeto, RomanNose and Kaulay were doing drugs that night and all four were in Spottedwolf's bedroom when the shooting occurred.

Angela Marcee, Custer County assistant district attorney asked Spottedwolf, "Did you stab Jessica in the chest?"

His response, "no."

"Did you shoot Jessica in the back of the head?"

"No."

"Did you tell anyone to shoot Jessica?"

"No."

Spottedwolf testified he did not see who shot Kaulay and had no memory of leaving the home after the shooting, nor how he arrived at the emergency room in Clinton.

Another state witness was led into the courtroom by Custer County deputies wearing an orange jumpsuit worn by inmates in the Custer County jail, Zakkary RomanNose. RomanNose testified he had seen Keeto with the same gun that killed Kaulay earlier that night when they drove to Oklahoma City.

He said shortly before the shooting in Spottedwolf's bedroom, the lights went out and he got "an eerie sense." He said he turned around and Keeto had his gun pointed at him. He said he told Keeto to "get that out of my face."

Shortly after Kaulay was shot in the head, RomanNose said he panicked, ran out into the garage and out the back door and never looked back.

RomanNose would disappear for over three months before being questioned by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigators (OSBI).

Jensen inferred that RomanNose was receiving a "deal" for his testimony against Keeto, to which RomanNose replied, "I have been offered nothing to testify. I'm here to testify because my auntie got shot ...



Photo by Rosemary Stephens  
Samuel Keeto (l) stands with his defense attorney, John Jensen as the jury files back into the Custer County courtroom. Keeto stands accused of the 2012 shooting of Jessica Kaulay.

my auntie and I were close."

RomanNose said he ran and hid for fear of his life.

"I'm still scared, I'm scared to be up here right now. I hid out for a while but went to my auntie's funeral, but then I hid out again. I'm scared. I asked to go to the city to talk to OSBI, rather than to Clinton because I know they will get me, even here testifying scares me. Yes, I'm nervous even being in jail they can get to me ... I'm scared of everything round here."

Keeto's attorney, Jensen asked RomanNose if Spottedwolf and Keeto were in business together.

RomanNose refused to answer, finally just saying, 'I don't know.'

Jensen said, "I felt like there was more to it (Kaulay's death), Keeto might have pulled the trigger but there was more to it than



Jessica Kaulay dies Dec. 27, 2012 after being stabbed in the chest and shot in the back of the head in Clinton, Okla.

just Keeto."

RomanNose said he didn't know Kaulay had been stabbed until the OSBI told him three months after the shooting.

Details of how and when Kaulay was stabbed in the chest was never brought out during the trial.

Keeto is planning on appealing the conviction.

## BIA approve tribes' 638 contracts

By Rosemary Stephens  
Editor-in-Chief

Despite statements posted on social media sites, such as Facebook, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) would not renew PL638 contracts for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, stating leadership disputes as the reason.

Deputy Regional Director of Indian Services, Terry Burner has confirmed the approval of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' PL638 contracts. The contracts will go into effect this month.

"It was in the best interest of tribal members to have these services continue for them," Bruner said. "The tribal leadership and staff in place has been very responsible and professional in their dealings with us and seem to have the best interest of the tribes as their top priority."

PL638 BIA contracts directly impact tribal services such as Higher Education, Adult Education, Indian Child Welfare, Enrollment, Tribal Courts, Emergency Youth Shelter, Johnson O'Malley program and Social Services.

"I thank the BIA for releasing the funds for the 638 contracts for our tribal members. We are putting our tribal members first and we look forward to a better working relationship with the BIA from this point forward," Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Eddie Hamilton said.

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# Family of shooting victim awaits Custer County DAs decision after OSBI releases report

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI) released its report on the shooting death of 18-year-old Mah-hi-vist Goodblanket on Feb. 10, 2014 to the Custer County District Attorney’s office.

Mah-hi-vist was shot seven times by law enforcement inside his parent’s Clinton home on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013.

For Mah-hi-vist’s parents, Melissa and Wilbur Goodblanket, it seems their nightmare will never end. They continue to tell their story, hoping each time, some kind of healing will begin to take place in their hearts.

“We are hoping to initiate change, not just in the community we live in, but state wide and go further than that ... that change will be like a pebble in the water and ripple out,” Melissa said.

Wilbur said he has grown up in Clinton and if anyone would talk to any of the Natives, there is still a lot of prejudice and racism and targeting Natives and minorities by the local police.

“It’s always been that way. I think a lot of Natives do not know where to go for help or take the initiative to do something about it. Its just like the shooting of Benjamin Whiteshield, they say that shooting was justified and none of us around here can see how they could justify that shooting,” Wilbur said. “Something needs to change. Change needs to start here, around here in Oklahoma. Its not just Cheyenne and Arapaho, you can go down to Anadarko, Carnegie, Lawton and see how Natives are targeted by law enforcement. They need to change how things are handled.”

What started out to be a day of getting ready for the upcoming Christmas celebration, Wilbur and Melissa Goodblanket was preparing to travel to El Reno, Okla., to hold a Native American Church (NAC) ceremony.

“Friday, prior to the incident, Dec. 20, we traveled to Tahlequah to bring Ak-ta-na-hi, Mah-hi-vist’s brother home for the holidays. We were preparing for the Christmas holi-

day ... Dec. 21, winter solstice, the longest night of the year, it was a normal day, my husband and I are members of the NAC and Wilbur had agreed to hold a ceremony that day in El Reno. We were loading the truck, getting things ready for that. Mah-hi-vist and his brother had gone to town to get refreshments for the home ... they had talked about Mah-hi-vist’s girlfriend, visiting Weatherford to visit her grandmother, brother and her daughter so Mah-hi-vist and his brother could spend some time together,” Melissa remembers as she tells of the horror the night her son was shot to death. “We had told his girlfriend we would drop her off in Weatherford on our way to El Reno ... thinking it was all worked out. Shortly thereafter Mah-hi-vist called me, stressing out about us taking his girlfriend to Weatherford and I told him to just come on home and we would talk about it.”

When Mah-hi-vist returned home, Melissa said she could immediately see he was upset. “He had a fixed idea already, which has always been the case with Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), in my experience, they get a fixed idea and it’s hard to get the fixed idea out of their mind. He had a fixed idea that she was leaving him and there was nothing we could do to change that,” she said.

Melissa said that Mah-hi-vist was diagnosed with ODD in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, which is a condition in which a child displays an ongoing pattern of uncooperative, defiant, hostile behavior toward people. They experience moments of “mental absence” where there doesn’t seem to be ‘anyone home,’ and an ‘adrenaline rush,’ of uncontrolled anger, that when the episode passes, becomes almost like a little child, wanting comfort.

“When he went into an episode his persona changed. I could look in his eyes and it was like he wasn’t in there. The episodes had a peak and once they peaked, the person, including my son, would start to come down and once the episode was completely over he was like a little child, he would become emo-



Photos by Rosemary Stephens  
Wilbur and Melissa Goodblanket surround themselves with memorabilia of their son, Mah-hi-vist Touching Cloud Goodblanket. Mah-hi-vist was shot and killed inside their home on Dec. 21, 2013 by Custer County deputies.

tional and would just want us to hold him and he would beg us for help and he started asking us for help at a young age. I tried everything to get him help and went everywhere.”

That night, Mah-hi-vist went into an ODD episode, harming himself, and inconsolable, Melissa and Wilbur reached out for help by calling 911.

“We were not afraid for ourselves, none of us were, we were afraid for Mah-hi-vist ... that he would harm himself,” Wilbur quietly said.

After the 911 calls, Mah-hi-vist and his girlfriend ended up being alone in the kitchen, her sitting in his lap, calming him. She said he had begun asking for his mom and dad when in rushed Custer County deputies, armed.

What transpired after that, seems to Melissa and Wilbur, to be a nightmare they will not wake from.

Within seconds, deputies had shot Mah-hi-vist seven times, killing him within the home.

“As fast as it happened, they didn’t try to tase him or talk about it, like, ‘hey man just calm down, let’s talk about it.’ There were four of them and not one of them acknowledged his request of getting his mom and dad. They just shot him, seven times. The way Sheriff Peoples’ is portraying this event is that Mah-hi-vist barricaded himself in the house with two hostages, is just a lie,” Wilbur said. “If they looked at it as a hostage situation where was their negotiator? They just barged right in and killed him and what I can’t understand is what was their hurry. Why did they have to just come in and shoot him?”

Custer County Sheriff, Bruce Peoples maintains that his deputies, Dillon Mock and  
*See **Family of shooting victim**, page 7*

# Pine Ridge reservation considers legalizing marijuana

By Joe O’Sullivan Rapid City Journal



PINE RIDGE-After Robin Tapio endured 10 months of chemotherapy and radiation treatment for breast cancer, she turned to marijuana to feel better.

“I wasn’t eating and the pain and everything,” the Pine Ridge woman said recently. “As soon as I got done smoking, I got my taste buds back and the pain in my body went away.”

But Tapio, now 55, was breaking state and federal law and facing possible imprisonment when she chose to smoke pot to ease her pain and stimulate her appetite.

That could soon change, however.

Last week, the Oglala Sioux Tribal council’s business development committee approved a measure that starts the process to allow a public vote on whether to legalize marijuana use on the reservation.

If so, the tribe that just last year voted to legalize alcohol within its borders might become the first in the

country to legalize marijuana.

Pros and cons  
Tapio, a tribal councilwoman representing the Pine Ridge district, hasn’t decided whether she supports the proposal.

As she sat last week in nearly-empty tribal council chambers, Tapio weighed her multiple perspectives. She used marijuana to recover from cancer treatments in the mid-1980s. But Tapio also regularly smoked pot until she was 45 and now worries that it may be addictive or cause health problems.

Tribal Councilman James Cross supports it, however.

He recalled the tribe’s reaction when South Dakota voters in 2010 rejected a proposal to legalize medicinal marijuana. The statewide vote failed by a nearly 2-to-1 margin. But a majority of Shannon County voters, where part of the Pine Ridge reservation is located, supported it.

“A lot of people who never tried it or never used it are going to be against it,” Cross said. You’re going to always have that resistance.”

Cross said he smoked joints in 1990 to help ease pain in his lower back when prescription painkillers left him unable to function. While he supports the measure, he emphasized the medicinal needs over recreational use.

“It was really looking at the medical part of it first,” Cross said. “We really didn’t discuss revenue ... it was just the medical part of it.”

Tribal council members also argue that medical marijuana could ease the dependency of tribal members on powerful prescription painkillers.

“It did come up in one of our council meetings that people were abusing painkillers,” Tribal Councilman Kevin Yellow Bird Steele said. “This would be an alternative.”

Pot pioneers?  
The Pine Ridge reservation would likely be the first in the country to legalize marijuana, according to R. Keith Stroup, legal counsel for NORML, a marijuana law reform group.

“I am not aware of any tribe that has previously attempted this,” Stroup wrote in an email. “And I am sure we would know if it had occurred.”

If so, the Pine Ridge reservation would join a number of states that have begun to turn the tide on marijuana use. After having been legal for most of America’s early history, states began outlawing the substance starting in 1913. The federal government followed suit in 1970 and since then thousands of people have been sent to prison for marijuana offenses.

But starting in 1996, when California legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes, attitudes about the drug began to change. Within a few years other states, including Montana and Colorado, legalized medical marijuana. Then in 2012 and in defiance of federal law, Colorado and Washington voters passed measures to legalize it.

But as with other political issues, legalization has supporters and opponents. Those opposed to legal marijuana point to studies showing that it can be addictive and hurt the development of the brain in younger people.

Those in favor, like Tribal Councilman Garfield Steele, like to point out that alcohol, which is woven deeply into the country’s social fabric, is legal.

“When you compare it to alcohol, you have numerous stats about alcohol killing people,” Steele said last week in a phone interview.

The tribal council could approve a public vote in the next month or so, Yellow Bird Steele said.

“It’s not something the council wants to make a decision on by themselves,” he said. “It will be up to the people across the reservation.”



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# CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ offer various services to all Tribal members.

Look for this page in the next few issues of the *Tribal Tribune* listing what services are available, description of the

services and contact information. The main contact number for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes is (405) 262-0345 or toll free (800) 247-4612.

## Head Start Program

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Head Start Program will operate a center based program, four days per week, five hours per day at three centers with eight classrooms. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma Head Start program is funded for 133 children.

The program operates three centers located in the towns of Canton, Concho, and Clinton. The Concho Center (57 children) and Clinton (45 children) Center operates three classrooms and the Canton Center (31 children) operates two classrooms for a total of eight classrooms. The program

provides center-based Head Start services in a part day, part year program option.

Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program provides transportation for all enrolled children.

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Canton Head Start Center

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Clinton Head Start Center  
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Center Supervisor – Terri Hines  
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## Culture and Heritage

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma, Culture and Heritage Program is dedicated to preserving Tribal traditions, promoting oral history, art, music, traditional languages, and fostering cultural participation for tribal members.

The program encourages youth learning activities and participation in community events and traditional ceremonies. Preserving cultural heritage instills not only a sense of tribal identity but also a sense of community and continuity for generations to come.

By preserving the Cheyenne and Arapaho culture the Culture and Heritage Program assists with “allowable” traditional gatherings and functions,

such as hand game tournaments, traditional running events like the Sand Creek run, and Cheyenne and Arapaho ceremonies, etc.

The Culture and Heritage Program does not assist with some events which are deemed disallowable, such as family reunions, sport associated events, and fund raisers, etc. These events are just to name a few and a complete list of allowable and disallowable events is available in the offices at the Concho Community building.

The Culture & Heritage Program also has four NAGPRA representatives who work with other government agencies to help with repatriations.

Although some events are allowable, the pro-

cess of selection for assistance complies with guidelines established by the Culture and Heritage Program. The established guidelines help determine applicants for eligibility for approval and disapproval. If financial assistance is requested the program only grants supplemental cost based on eligibility.

If tribal members are seeking assistance for such gatherings and functions or if further information about traditional activities is required, please contact the Culture and Heritage representatives listed above.

## Higher Education Program

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The United States Government, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, provides annual educational assistance to Indian students to enable them to attend institutions of higher learning. Graduate and undergraduate students may apply. Applicants must be certified by the Concho Agency to be at least ¼ or more degree Cheyenne and Arapaho Indian and be enrolled with our Tribe. Applicants do not have to reside in our service area to apply.

Application deadline for submission of applications for all students is June 1, 2014 for Fall 2014. The Higher Ed application can be copied from our tribal website ‘Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ then go to programs, then to department of education, then to higher education application requirements. There are five (5) pages that need to be printed. The application and required documents must be mailed to Higher Education Program, PO Box 167, Concho, OK 73022 or delivered to 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho Oklahoma (the old boarding school building). Applications can be mailed by calling the Higher Education Office at 405-422-7653 or 422-7646; 800-247-4612 x-27653 or x-27646.

Required documents to be attached to the Higher Ed application are: the one page application, a statement of privacy form, a personal letter or letter of intent, a degree plan, a one page Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, an official high school transcript listing the date of graduation OR an original copy of GED test scores listing the passing grade, all college transcripts from previous

schools attended, a letter of admission from the school, verification that the student has applied for the FAFSA, a Financial Need Analysis form completed by the school financial aid office, and a class schedule. Juniors must send a Degree Evaluation of credits and Seniors must provide a letter from their advisor verifying eligibility to graduate and listing an anticipated date of graduation. Graduate applicants are required to apply for a second scholarship and send an award letter or denial letter from that source.

More students are meeting application deadlines. There is no appeal process for late applicants from BIA-HIE. Gaming Program funds may supplement students who applied late but the amount will not include the BIA amount. Applicants are encouraged to apply in a timely manner to ensure they will receive both BIA and GAM scholarships.

“Gaming Higher Education funds are made possible through the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan. The funds are to be primarily a supplemental funding source and not to be regarded as the only source of funds for all educational expenditures”.

High school graduation assistance is available for tribal students in the amount of \$100 for enrolled members. The student can use the \$100 toward what they consider to be their highest priority need. Most requests are for cap, gown, and announcements. Students must send (4) documents: 1) a completed Gaming application, which can be

printed from our tribal website, 2) a CDIB, not a copy of their tribal i.d., 3) a letter from their school counselor that verifies they have enough credits to graduate with their class in May, and 4) the invoice or completed order form for the assistance they are requesting payment for, with the vendor address. Graduates may contact their local Johnson-O’Malley Programs or Title VII program for additional assistance. The \$100 assistance will be made directly to the vendor. Reimbursements are not approved. This assistance is available for tribal members who have an unmet need. Once a payment has been made then there is no longer an unmet need. After our office has received the documentation that the student is eligible to graduate their name will then be placed on the invitation list to our Annual Graduation Banquet, which is held around the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May. College or university graduates are also honored at the banquet. The Graduation Banquet date has not been conferred but the event has been held in Clinton, OK for several years.

School officials, students, and parents should inform our program of any outstanding awards students may receive. We request advance notice of tribal members who are graduating as Valedictorians or Salutatorians.

If someone knows about out-of-state graduates, please share this information and ask them to call our office for more information.

## Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program provides employment and training services to eligible Native Americans who reside within the approved eight (8) county service area: Beckham, Blaine, Canadian, Custer, Dewey, Kingfisher, Roger Mills, and Washita.

The WIA Program provides the following employment and training services to eligible Native Americans:

- Try-Out Employment: Participants are paid for hours work at a selected worksite in a field new to the participant or an area more specialized to their current job skills. (Participant will transfer to Classroom Training Program to advance skill level)
- Classroom Training: Participants are paid for class hours on bi-weekly bases to obtain certification program at local Technology Centers. (Participant will transfer to Work Experience to obtain employment they trained)
- Work Experience: Participants are paid for hours worked at a selected worksite and gain skills to become employed at the work site after comple-

tion of the program. (Participant will receive Supportive Services to assist in retaining new employment)

- Supportive Services: New employment services provided uniform/professional dress attire, gas voucher, and lunch/food voucher; before participant receives their first pay check.
- Supplemental Youth Services: Participants ages 14-21 years old work during the summer months at selected worksite to gain knowledge and awareness of the world of work.

The WIA Program served fifty-five (55) adults and one-hundred nine (109) youth with employment and training services beginning 2010 – 2013, combined totaling one-hundred sixty-four (164) participants.

The WIA Program has created partnerships with other direct service providers, Tribal Programs and Non-Tribal Programs. The Vocational Rehabilitation Program and WIA collaborated and hosted a Career Fair at Western Technology Center (Weatherford) on April 18, 2012. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by Governor Janice Boswell on May 31, 2012 to continue working

relations with the Central Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board. The WIA Program negotiated a networking Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Second Chance And Reentry Services (SCARS) in El Reno and on June 21, 2012 Governor Boswell, and the SCARS Executive Director signed the MOU. The WIA Summer Youth sent fifteen (15) participants to attend the Oklahoma Employment and Training Advisory Council’s (OETAC) Youth Summit 2012 – 2013 Shawnee, OK. The Vocational Rehabilitation Program and WIA conducted “Community Out-Reach” meetings beginning July 2012 through May 2013 at the following sites: Elk City, Sayre, Burns Flat, Hammon, Canton, Concho, Clinton, Mustang, Yukon, Seiling, Woodward, Weatherford, and Fairview.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program has actively engaged employers, training providers, and established working relations within the eight (8) county service area. The WIA Program welcomes anyone interested in employment and training services to please visit the office or call for information, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PROGRAM SERVICES



# Family of shooting victim

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Wilbur and Melissa Goodblanket set nearby staring at the spot in their home where their 18 year old son, Mah-hi-vist, laid dead from seven bullet wounds. The carpet, still soaked in Mah-hi-vist's blood is covered with a Pendleton blanket, on which lays memorabilia of Mah-hi-vist's life.

Chance Avery are both on paid administrative leave pending the OSBI results. Avery, who is alleged to have shot his own finger off during the shooting, according to Peoples, is on medical leave.

Showing support of the Goodblanket, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Fifth Legislature recently passed a resolution, "A Resolution in Support of the Goodblanket Family," during a special session on Jan. 30, 2014. The resolution was passed with a unanimous vote of the legislature and signed by Gov. Eddie Hamilton. It reads, in part, "Now be it resolved the Fifth Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes calls for a complete, fair and timely investigation into these shootings, for better management of crisis situations by local law enforcement through changes in policies and additional training, and for better relations between the Tribes and local law enforcement."

When the Custer County District Attorney's office was contacted prior to the printing of this story, they had not reviewed the OSBI report. Their decision on whether the shooting was unjustified or justified is still pending.

To contact the Custer County District Attorney's office, call (580) 323-3232.

*Special thank you from the Goodblanket family: The loss of a child to parents has to be one of the most difficult experiences one could encounter in this life. On Dec. 21, 2013 such an experience happened to us. That evening and to date, we want to say thank you for all the outpouring of love, encouragement and support from around the globe. We formally extend our thanks to all of you. Those who offered prayers, those who offered song, those who visited the home with food offerings and material goods, we are grateful.*

*To all the women who prepared the meal for the serves, it was delicious. Lucky Star casinos for the contribution of food at the meet and greet held at*

*Kiesau Funeral Home, the flower arrangements, to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority for the flowers and the use of the community hall. Much gratitude extended to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes for the burial funds that are in place for all enrolled tribal members, and for the traveling funds that assisted out-of-state siblings to travel and be present for the services.*

*To relatives near and far, for all the acts of kindness that were shown to us and are still being revealed to us surrounding the passing of our son, Mah-hi-vist Touching Cloud Goodblanket. We are so grateful to Lawrence Hart and Henrietta Mann for speaking at the service and for their extended show of love and support and to Troy Lee for all that he shared with us along this path.*

*We also wish to extend gratitude to Bill Red Hat Jr., for the offerings made to the "Tsistsistas" spirits for truth. Also, gratitude to Connie, Cricket and Gordon Yellowman for*

*graciously taking care of all those who wanted their haircut.*

*Once we take our first breath we are guaranteed that the day will come when we will take our last breath and all that comes between those two breaths is an unknown. We were blessed to have walked with our son Mah-hi-vist for 18 years and are so grateful that he was with us for that time in physical form. Now we embrace the Spirit Body that he has become and look for guidance to make a positive change on Earth in his memory and on behalf of "All Life on Earth". As we await the investigations completion and further wait for the DA decision in this case, we hold on to the reigns of the mighty and strong horse that will se us through the thick mist and move us forward to the New Year of Springtime. The deep hurt that we feel is ever present, yet we acknowledge as a couple we have prayed for all those involved in this atrocity. To all our relations we are eternally grateful.*

EATING

well for

DIABETES

Fat, such as cholesterol, is a major contributor to heart disease. Do you know how much fat you consume? How much fat you needs depends on how much you weigh. A person who weighs 150 pounds would need approximately 68 grams (7 1/2 tablespoons) of fat a day, with less than seven grams of that being saturated and or trans-fat. Here are some hidden fats that may surprise you.

A half of a large snack bag of potato chips has 555 calories and three tablespoons of fat, a third of a cup of peanut butter has 285 calories and two tablespoons of fat, three slices or three ounces of cheddar/commodity cheese has 330 calories and 2-¼ tablespoons of fat, two cups of macaroni and cheese (a house staple and favorite) has 860 calories and four tablespoons of fat, four slices of bacon has 200 calories and 1-½ tablespoons of fat, two hot dogs has 300 calories and 2-½ tablespoons

February is National Heart Month

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE  
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

of fat, three slices of bologna has 225 calories and 1-¾ tablespoons of fat, two hamburger patties has 600 calories and four tablespoons of fat, two small pieces of fry bread has 400 calories and two tablespoons of fat and three slices of pizza 900 calories and has three table-  
spoons of fat.

As you can see if you only need a typical 1500 calories a day we will gain weight. Remember eating whole grain fiber helps with the elimination of fat, therefore helping in lowering your cholesterol.

Do you know how many calories you need a day to maintain your weight? Do you know what your healthy weight is? Would you like more information? If so, please contact the Diabetes Wellness Program for all of your nutrition, health and exercise needs at (405) 422-7685 or toll free, (800) 247-4612 ext. 27685.

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Cooking classes coming to the following  
communities:

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| Canton  | Hammon      |
| Clinton | Weatherford |
| Concho  | Watonga     |
| El Reno |             |

Quick Chili

Four Servings

Cooking with USDA Foods

Furnished by the Food Distribution Program

½ pound lean ground beef  
¼ cup chopped onion  
1 can (15.5 ounces) kidney beans, drained or 1-1/2 cups cooked dry kidney beans, red beans or other beans of your choice  
1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes, no salt added. Do not drain.  
1-1/2 tblsp. Chili powder

Cook ground beef and onion in skillet until ground

beef is browned. Be sure all pink color is gone from meat and juices. Do not undercook ground beef. Carefully wash your hands and surfaces that have come in contact with raw meat.

Drain off fat into container.  
Sir in kidney beans, dice tomatoes and chili powder.  
Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add a little water, if needed. To thin the broth.  
Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within two hours of cooking.

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Any questions 405 422 7670.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Native American Leader's Forum

Feb. 19-21, 2014 at the Sheraton in New Orleans, LA. For more information or to register visit [www.nativenationevents.org](http://www.nativenationevents.org).

Basic Budgeting for the Tribal Organization

Feb. 20-21, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com).

2014 UNITY Mid Year Conference

Feb. 26-Mar. 2, 2014

Native American Leader's Forum: Casino General Managers Exchange

March 12-14, 2014 in Palm Springs, Calif. For more information visit [www.nativenationevents.org](http://www.nativenationevents.org).

The 14th annual Native Women and Men's Wellness Conference

March 16-19, 2014 at the

Town and Country in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com).

Conducting Credible Tribal Elections

March 17-18, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com).

Developing Tribal Travel Policies using IRS and OMB Guidelines

March 19-20, 2014 at the

Flamingo Resort in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com).

Indian Country's Indirect Cost Summit

March 20-21, 2014 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com).

Grievance and Appeal Procedures for Human Resources Professionals in Indian Country

March 24-25, 2014 at the

Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com).

The Essentials of Indian Law: Everything You Need to Know to Work in Indian Country

March 27-28, 2014 at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com).

The seventh annual Tribal Casino and Hotel Development Conference

April 7-8, 2014 at the Harrah's Rincon Casino and Resort in North San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit [www.nativenationevents.org](http://www.nativenationevents.org).

Native American Economic Development and Energy Projects Conference

June 16-17, 2014 at the Disney Grand Californian Hotel and Spa in Anaheim, Calif. For more information or to register visit [www.nativenationevents.org](http://www.nativenationevents.org).







# Happy Birthday



Wishing my princess  
Alicia Reed a  
Happy 17th Birthday!  
Feb 7

Love, mom dad and all  
your brothers and sisters

Happy Birthday



Happiest Birthday  
Ms. Nibbs  
You are a one of  
a kind lady  
Feb. 11  
God bless!!!

Happy Birthday



Happy 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Neiwoo Jennie

It hasn't been long since you went home you  
were blessed with a long wonderful life, full  
of love and kindness.  
We miss you dearly

Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday Avril  
You have grown to be such a loving,  
caring person inside and out.  
May your day be filled with joy and happiness.  
This year I know it will be tough without Neiwoo,  
but know that we are here to see you through and  
she is here watching over us all.  
We love you both.. Love your granddaughter/  
mother April, daddy, all your brothers and sisters  
and the Curtis-Birdshead family



I would love to wish my  
husband Ray Ramirez a  
great Valentine's and I  
love you!

I could not have made it  
through this year without  
you in my life ... you are a  
great man.

Thank you from your  
wifey , Kimmie and your  
princess Amariah

Happy Valentine's Day



Happy 8th Anniversary  
Honey! Feb. 24

I thank God for you, my  
husband, and our beautiful  
family everyday! I love  
you to the moon and back!  
We are truly blessed and  
I look forward to the next  
8 yrs of our lives together  
and all the years after!

Your loving wife,  
Stephanie



Happy Birthday  
George Hawk Jr.  
Feb. 5

From tha' whole crew



Happy Birthday  
Wild Bill  
Feb. 14

Remember all the good  
times we had growing up!  
Those were the  
good old days.  
Love you like a brother!!  
Nadena Grant

*Thank you*

The Diabetes Wellness  
and Department of Health  
Programs would like to ex-  
press our gratitude for all  
the donations received for  
the annual Elders Confer-  
ence held on Jan. 31, 2014.

A special thank you goes  
out to the Respect Program  
for sponsoring the meal and  
providing transportation.

Also to Gov. Eddie Ham-  
ilton, Lt. Gov. Cornell San-  
key and the 5th Legislature.

Another special thanks  
to the volunteers Bonnie  
Kraft, Kristie Purdy, De-  
nise Smith, Monica Per-  
ry, Lillian Levi, Mathew  
Reyes, Anthony Lime, all  
the speakers and program  
booths that participated in  
making the Annual Elders  
Conference a great success.

Sincerely,  
Diabetes Wellness Program



Feb. 16

Happy 40th Birthday to the Pedro Triplets - Truman,  
Anthony and Vanessa!

May you be blessed with many, many more years!!

Love you all so much!

Melissa, Shaylin, Richard, Delanie and Levi

*Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislators  
and Governor*

**Gratitude**

On Jan. 29, 2014 the  
Cheyenne and Arapaho  
Governor and Tribal Legis-  
lators all signed a resolution  
that formally states the Trib-  
al Government is requesting  
a full investigation into the  
death of 18 year-old Tribal  
Member Mah-hi-vist Good-  
blanket, who was shot mul-  
tiple times by Custer County  
Sheriff/Deputies on Dec. 21,  
2013 in his home.

Further the resolution  
states the Goodblanket fam-  
ily has the full support of  
the Tribal Government in  
their pursuit for justice and  
truth in their son's case.

As the parents of Mah-hi-  
vist Touching Goodblanket,

we are so very grateful to the  
Tribal Government for their  
formal statement of support  
as we await the OSBI com-  
pletion in the investigation  
of the death of our son and  
as we further await the DA  
decision following.

We encourage all parties  
to continue to call the DA  
office (580) 323-3232 and  
inquire on his decision. We  
want to hear a decision of  
UNJUSTIFIED homicide.

Respectfully,  
Wilbur and Melissa  
Goodblanket

*Wilbur Goodblanket  
Melissa Goodblanket*

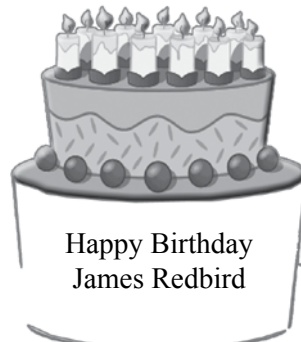
**Cranky Old Man**

What do you see nurses? ... What do you see?  
What are you thinking? ... When you are looking at me?  
A cranky old man ... not very wise,  
Uncertain of habit ... with faraway eyes.  
Who dribbles his food ... and makes no reply.  
When you say in a loud voice ... "I do wish you'd try!"  
Who seems not to wise ... the things that you do  
And forever is losing ... a sock or shoe.  
Who resisting or not ... lets you do as you will,  
With bathing and feeding ... the long day to fill.  
Is that what you're thinking? ... Is that what you see?  
Then open your eyes, nurse .. you're not looking at me.  
I'll tell you who I am ... As I sit here so still,  
As I do your bidding ... As I eat at your will.  
I'm a small child of ten ... with a father and mother,  
Brothers and sisters ... who love one another.  
A young boy of sixteen ... with wings on his feet,  
Dreaming that soon now ... a lover he'll meet.  
A groom at twenty ... my heart gives a leap,  
Rememebering the vows ... that I promised to keep.  
At twenty-five, now ... I have young of my own,  
Who need me to guide ... And secure a happy home.  
A man of thirty ... My young now grown fast,  
Bound to each other ... with ties that should last.  
At forty, my young sons ... have grown and are gone.  
But my woman is beside me ... to see that I don't mourn.  
At fifty, once more ... babies play 'round my knee,  
Again, we know children ... My loved one and me.  
Dark days are upon me ... my wife is now dead.  
I look at the future ... I shudder with dread.  
For my young are all reared ... young of their own,  
And I think of the years ... and the love that I've known.  
I'm now an old man ... and nature is cruel,  
It's jest to make old age ... look like a fool.  
The body, it crumbles ... grace and vigor, depart,  
There is now a stone ... where I once had a heart.  
But inside this old carcass ... A young man still dwells  
And now and again ... my battered heart swells.  
I remember the joys ... I remember the pain,  
And I'm loving and living ... life over again.  
I think of the years, all too few ... gone too fast,  
And accept the stark fact ... that nothing can last.  
So open your eyes, people ... open and see,  
Not a cranky old man,  
Look ... see ... ME!

Author Unknown

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our  
beautiful daughter  
DeLeena Ann Whiteshirt  
Feb. 4

With all  
our love,  
mom  
Kimberly  
and daddy  
Clement



Happy Birthday  
James Redbird

HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY

Happy Valentine's  
Day to my  
daughters,  
Bonnie,  
Dayeneirah and  
Tomi  
Love mom



Happy Birthday  
to my brother  
Cacey Sankey  
Feb. 2

Love your sister, Corliss

Honnobee' Hettiisiineb'  
(Happy Birthday)  
To my beautiful daughter  
Larissa Rhae  
Love mom, Rick, Cam  
and Bryce

Happy Birthday

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day to my  
husband  
Jimmy Joe  
Your loving  
wife, Corliss

## Obituaries



*In Loving Memory*  
Josephine Paulette Elledge  
Feb. 1, 1964 –  
Jan. 29, 2014

Wake services were held  
for Josephine Elledge on  
Feb. 1, 2014 at the El Reno  
Baptist Church in El Reno  
Okla.

Funeral services were  
held on Feb. 2, 2014 at the  
Concho Community Center  
in Ccochno, Okla.





*In Loving Memory*  
Terry Leland Friday  
Nov. 1, 1976 –  
Feb. 4, 2014

Wake services were held  
for Terry Friday on Feb. 6,  
2014 at the Guardian Fu-  
neral Chapel in Oklahoma  
City, Okla.

Funeral services were  
held on Feb. 7, 2014 at the  
Guardian Funeral Chapel  
in Oklahoma City, Okla.



*In Loving Memory*  
Merrick James  
Thunderbull  
April 21, 1955 –  
Feb. 3, 2014

Merrick James Thunder-  
bull Sr. was born on April  
21, 1955 to Frisco Lee and  
Thamar Thunderbull.  
He passed away on Feb.  
3, 2014 in El Reno, Okla., at  
the age of 58.

He lived in the Geary  
and El Reno area most of  
his life. He worked at Lucky  
Star Casino for many years.

Merrick believed in his  
Lord Jesus Christ.

Survivors include his  
children, Sonja Thunderbull  
of Lawton, Okla., Merrick  
Thunderbull, Jr. of El Reno,  
Okla., and Phillip Thun-  
derbull of Longdale, Okla.,  
his grandchildren, Maria  
Augustine, Alana Wilson,  
DeVonte Augustine, Alan  
Wilson, Jr., and Sequarah  
Wilson, great grandchild,



Jai Sean Augustine, as well  
as many other relatives and  
friends.

He was preceded in  
death by his parents, Frisco  
and Thamar, his daugh-  
ter, Shawna Thunderbull,  
and granddaughter, Mystic  
Eclips Black Thunderbull.

An all night Wake ser-  
vice was held Feb. 6, 2014  
at the Geary Community  
Center in Geary, Okla.

Funeral services were  
held Feb. 7 at the First Bap-  
tist Church in Geary, Okla.,  
followed by an Interment  
at the Concho Cemetery in  
Concho, Okla.



# CLASSIFIED SECTION

**Employment:** Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver’s license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email [whaag@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:whaag@c-a-tribes.org).

**Personnel Director  
Dept. of Administration  
Until Filled**

**Qualifications:**  
Incumbent must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university in personnel administration, business administration, or a related field. Must have accumulated at least three years of verifiable personnel related work experience. Additional work experience may substitute for some formal college level education. Must have at least three years minimum supervisory experience. Must have the ability to supervise activities for staff members. Must successfully pass background investigation. Incumbent must have the ability to relate to the Indian and non-Indian communities. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference. Must be able to pass pre-hire drug screening and possess an Oklahoma driver’s license.

**Salary Negotiable**



**Administrative Assistant  
Personnel Dept.  
Until Filled**

**Qualifications:**  
High school graduate or GED certified with a minimum of two years responsible general clerical and/or administrative experience or successful completion of a one year accredited secretarial training in administrative/business courses, plus one year of personnel related experience. Must demonstrate computer skills, knowledge and ability. Writing and interviewing skills preferred. Ability to type 50 wpm. Knowledge and skills in operating various office machines such as fax machine, copier, calculator. Ability to relate to both Indian and non-Indian communities. Oklahoma driver’s license required. Ability to attend in-state and out of state training. Ability to attend schooling for betterment of position. Ability to be a supervisor or to supervise other staff. Good disposition, extreme patience, professionalism, and confidentiality a must. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference. Able to pass background investigation.

**Salary Negotiable**



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(1) 1st shift

2-Drop Team— 1st shift

1-Hostess—3rd shift

1—Technician— 3rd shift

Applications are accepted at the Cheyenne and Arapaho E.O.T.S. office located at the main Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla., (405) 422-7494 or at the Lucky Star Casino’s Human Resource office in Concho, Okla., (405) 422-7612.

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**NOTICE TO CHEYENNE DISTRICT 3  
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Below are a list of individuals with UNDELIVERABLE ADDRESSES. Please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Election Commission at (405) 422-7619 or toll free at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27619, to update your address.

|                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Virginia Wynona Bread</i>       | <i>Jessica Rose Horn</i>         |
| <i>Ruth Ellen Bible</i>            | <i>Michele Dawn Phillipy</i>     |
| <i>Dulcie Bighorse</i>             | <i>Micheal Joe Rice</i>          |
| <i>Rosanna D. Bighorse</i>         | <i>Renee Lynn Roman Nose</i>     |
| <i>Wanda Marie Bighorse</i>        | <i>Raymond James Rouse</i>       |
| <i>Archie Alton Blackowl</i>       | <i>Natasha Michelle Russell</i>  |
| <i>Danielle Blackwolf</i>          | <i>Shalane Ann Sampson</i>       |
| <i>Donald Joe Blackwolf</i>        | <i>Lily Maria Ann Sankey</i>     |
| <i>Charles Harry Bodiker</i>       | <i>Sherri Lynn Scroggins</i>     |
| <i>Michelle Crabtree</i>           | <i>Laila Dawn Shadaram</i>       |
| <i>Harry Andrrew Curtis</i>        | <i>Tina Annette Stover</i>       |
| <i>Kelvin A. Douglas</i>           | <i>Mitchell Wade Sumpter</i>     |
| <i>Jeanne Ann Dunham</i>           | <i>Scott C. Sumpter</i>          |
| <i>Chris Kevin Eyre</i>            | <i>Nova Caprice Washa</i>        |
| <i>Langburn Fisher Jr.</i>         | <i>Corrine Washee</i>            |
| <i>Robert Dean Franklin</i>        | <i>Lehomahte Chester Wassana</i> |
| <i>Delphine Begaye Goodblanket</i> | <i>La Freda White Buffalo</i>    |
| <i>Lahoma Marie Goodblanket</i>    | <i>Carlotta May White Crane</i>  |
| <i>Yalonda Jean Goodblanket</i>    | <i>Tammy Joyce White Crane</i>   |
| <i>Emily Ellen Gray</i>            | <i>Ernest Wolf Chief Jr.</i>     |
| <i>Arthur Heap of Birds</i>        | <i>Claressa J. White Skunk</i>   |
| <i>Anna Joyce Hidrogo</i>          | <i>Hallie J. White Skunk</i>     |
| <i>Keri Irene Horn</i>             | <i>Bruce Gene Cantu</i>          |

## The 2014 Miss Indian World pageant seeking contestants for 31<sup>st</sup> annual Gathering of Nations powwow

*Deadline for Applications March 20, 2014*

The Miss Indian World pageant is the largest and most prestigious cultural pageant for young Native women. As a future Miss Indian World, she will become a role model to young and old and help to educate and demonstrate the beauty and diversity of Native American cultures as well as represent the Gathering of Nations throughout her travels throughout the U.S., Canada and internationally.

Each contestant will compete in the areas of public speaking, personal (private) interviews, traditional talent presentation, dance competition and essay. Each category is judged based on the contestants’ own cultural knowledge.

Miss Indian World 2014-2015 will be crowned on April 26, 2014 at the Gathering of Nations powwow.

Qualifications for contestants are Native or Indigenous woman, 18-25 years of age.

Verifiable Tribal affiliation.

Singer, never been married and no dependents (children).

Knowledge of Tribal traditions.

The concept for Miss Indian World originated in 1983 in Albuquerque, N.M. Indigenous women from all over North America compete for this most prestigious crown. Miss Indian World is selected by acquiring points in a variety

of categories and must be knowledgeable about the Tribes(s) and Traditions she will be representing. At the end of the five day competition, the contestant with the highest accumulated points will be crowned Miss Indian World to reign for one year.

All contestants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible and submit their application by the deadline date of March 20, 2014 in order to prepare for all pageant qualifications.

For more information, applications or questions email [Melonie@gmail.com](mailto:Melonie@gmail.com) or [zell@gmail.com](mailto:zell@gmail.com).

To download a copy of application and a list of all qualifications visit [www.gatheringofnations.com](http://www.gatheringofnations.com) or call (505) 836-2810.



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2013-2014  
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In The Matter Of Guardianship Of;  
L.S.B.B. JR.  
DOB: 9-22-96

Case No: PG-2014-0005

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: **LESLIE BATES, SR.**

You are hereby notified that Jennifer D. Morton has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship Of L.S.B.B. JR. DOB: 9-22-96, minor child, and that on the 26TH day of January, 2014, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **12th** day of **March, 2014** at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Petition For Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 5TH day of February, 2014.

*Fran Wilson*  
Fran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:  
Jennifer D. Morton  
Rt 2 Box 185A  
Kingfisher, OK 73750

1st Annual Benefit and Silent Auction



Date: March 8th 2014  
Time: 7:00pm - 10:00pm  
Price: \$25  
Price is to include Entry, Performances and Hors d'Oeuvres.

Location: 23851 State Hwy 74  
Purcell, OK 73080

Benefit to assist in raising money for the Native American Transforming Vision (NATV) Scholarship.

This scholarship will be available to children that attend the Chickasaw Nation Boarding School, The Children’s Village, in Kingston, Okla. This school can house up to 80 students with 8 students per cottage. They are taken care of by a married couple known as dorm parents.

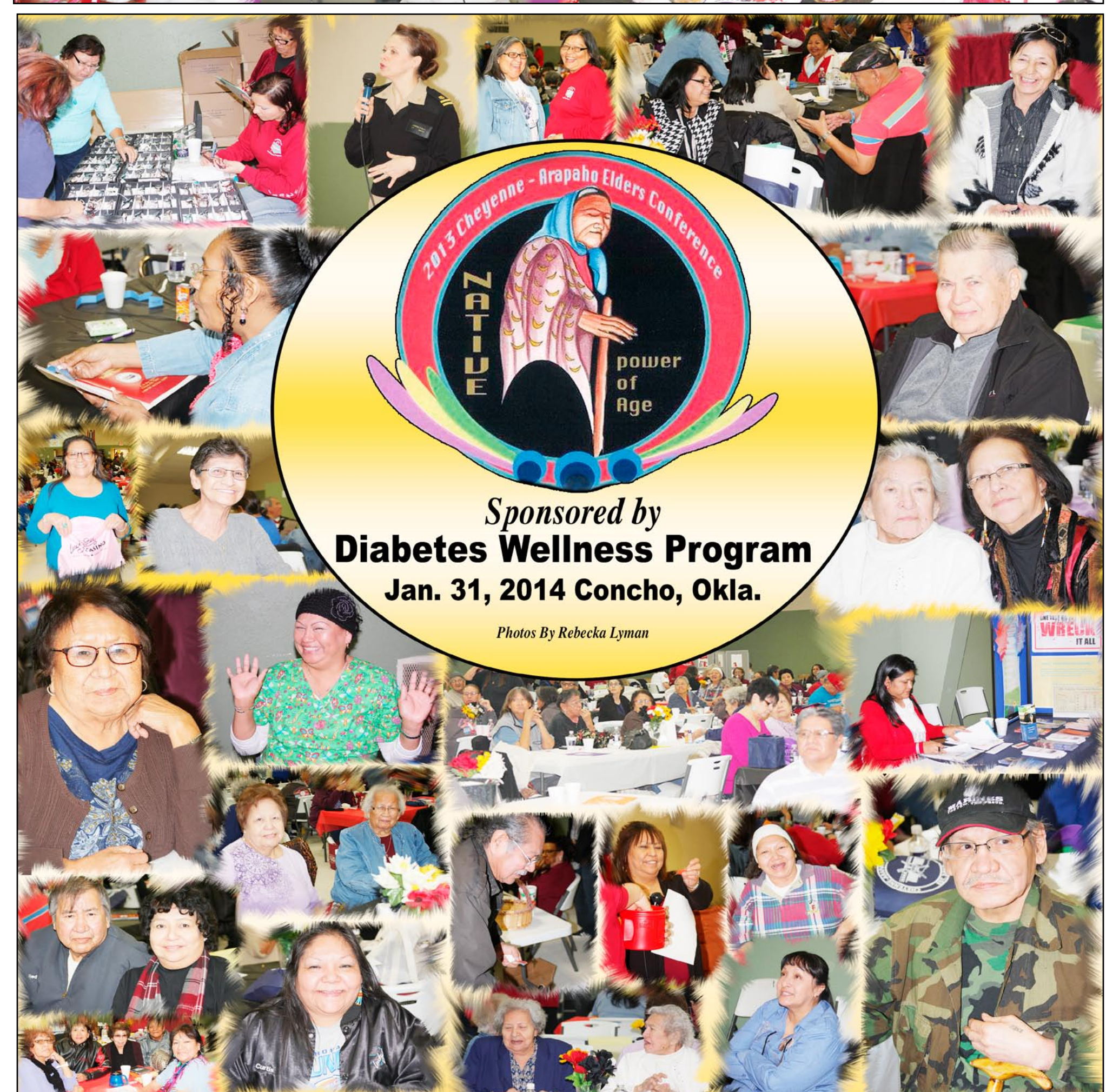
This scholarship will allow these children to have financial help for them to attend any higher learning institution.

The NATV Scholarship was created to assist these children to transform their visions of their future into a reality.

To purchase tickets for the event or place donations, contact Cassandra Factor at (940) 206-6413 or Shelly Wall at (405) 428-8121.

You can also purchase tickets and make donations online with a paypal account at [www.sites.google.com/site/natvscholarship](http://www.sites.google.com/site/natvscholarship). Thank you for your support.







ATHLETES  
SPOTLIGHT

Interview and photos by Rebecka Lyman

Together Everyone Achieves More

Lexus Halfred is a 17 year-old, 6'1" basketball player at El Reno High School. She took up basketball at a young age and decided to work on making the sport her future.

*When did you first begin playing?*

I have been playing since second grade.

*What is it about the sport that you love the best?*

What I love most about basketball is that everyone in my family has played and I have grown up around the sport all my life.

*What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?*

When I made my first three pointer shot was a big accomplishment for me during a league game. Playing

post-position I usually don't get an opportunity to shoot a lot of three's.

*What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?*

Just keeping my grades up, last year my goal was to maintain all As and at the end of the year I only had one B.

*What are some of your goals, (sports, life, school)?*

Make it to college and get a good job so that I can help my mom out, she has raised all five of us by her self.

*What actions are you taking to reach these goals?*

Work harder and try to get noticed by coaches so that I can get a scholarship

*What has been the most exciting game you have played in?*



My first high school game last season was my most exciting game, because it seemed like it went by faster than my games I played at Darlington. I felt real excited during that game.

*What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?*

My eighth grade coach, because I thought I was really good. He would remind me that playing basketball in high school would be harder and that I always needed to work harder no matter what. I guess you could say he kept me in check.

*Who or what inspires you the most?*

My aunt Teresa she was All State when she played at high school level.

*What workout routine do you have for training in your sport?*

I really don't have a routine, I just like to go to the gym and shoot and do some drills, well our team and coach during our seventh hour practice everyday together, coach has us do different drills and run so that we can be stronger for our games we also lift weights.

*What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?*

My coaches help us to be better players at our positions by putting us up against one another during practices.

*What is your favorite meal before or after a game?*

I like to go to Subway and get me a chicken Teriyaki sandwich after a game.

*Who has had the biggest impact on your life?*

My mom, Rose, I think it is really hard for her to raise five kids by herself and yet she always stays positive and makes sure that we all get to our practices and games on time.

*What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?*

I don't really do anything.

*What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?*

Country.

*What is one thing about you that no one else knows?*

I don't think anyone knows how much I miss my dad, at times I think of going to see him in Montana.

*If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?*

School, it is too long.



*What do you someday dream of doing?*

Becoming a physical therapist.

*Who is your favorite athlete of all time?*

Blake Griffin

*Which team is your favorite team?*

Miami Heat

*What are your plans after graduating high school?*

Going to college, preferably OSU.

*What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?*

It gets really hard in high school and if you want to be a success at anything you have to step up.



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